submission, which I am making. If there is any specific information, if the hon. Member brings it to me, I will have it fully investigated and I will inform him of the results to his satisfaction.

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister has said that he has known about it recently. But in his reply he has stated that the company has reported that it has discontinued production of bulk drug from 1992. I would like to correct him. It is not from 1992. It is from 1978. It was in 1978 that the report had been received by the Department that they had stopped production of bulk drug.

My second supplementary is that I do agree that the formulation, Secnil, is under price de-control. But the price of Metronidazole, which is a derivative of Secnil, as per the Government notification, is Rs. 6/ for ten tablets. But in the garb of price de-control, Secnil, a drug prepared by using the same ingredients but with a different name, is being charged Rs. 48 per ten tablets. So, the consumer is being looted by the company. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what steps are being taken to bring down the price of Secnil which is used by the poor for diahorrea and dysentery.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Sir, as far as my knowledge goes, I have tried to look into it in depth. The price of Rs. 48 is not exorbitant or out of the way. We have obtained the details of the cost of the ingredients or the components of these particular tablets. We have found that to the cost a mark-up of around 20 per cent or 28 per cent or 30 per cent has been added. In price control, the mark-up, ex-factory price is added upto 100 per cent. Therefore, from the information available with me — I have the information in detail — it does not appear to be exorbitant. I must, however, say here that whenever the question of price comes, we are not here to defend higher prices. We will not. I mean it. If there is a case for reducing the prices, we are all for it. That is the approach that we have.

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू: बाजार में जाकर खरीदलें 48 रुपए में मिल रहा है सेक्रिल टेब्लेट, 6 रुपए की जगह पर और यह कह रहे हैं कि उनके पास जानकारी नहीं है। मैं निवेदन करूंगा मंत्री महोदय से कि बाजार में जाकर टेब्लेट को खरीदकर देखें कि वह 48 रुपए में मिलती है या 6 रुपए की जो उनकी नोटिफाइड प्राईस है, उस पर मिलती है?

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम: बड़े मंत्री जी से भी कहें।

श्री अजीत जोगी: अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने उत्तर में बताया है कि दवा कम्पनियों को जो लाइसेंस दिए जाते हैं उसमें कतिपय शर्तें लगाई जाती हैं और जब शर्तों का उल्लंघन होता है तो उन पर कार्रवाई की जाती है। मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि दवा बनाने वाली कम्पनियों को जो लाइसेंस दिया जाता है और उसकी शर्तों का जब उल्लंघन होता है, तो वह क्या केवल लाइसेंस रद्द करते हैं या उस उल्लंघन की गंभीरता को देखते हुए उन दवा कम्पनियों पर और कोई कार्रवाई करते हैं? जो कार्रवाई की जाती है उसका क्या मापदण्ड होता है और किस आधार पर वह दवा बनाने वाली कम्पनियों पर कार्रवाई करते हैं।

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Sir, a person who breaches any condition of the licence can be punished under the Industries (Development Regulation) Act, 1951 and he can also be punished under the general Criminal Law whenever it is justified.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 445.

Shortfall in cement production

*445. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cement Industry has reported a shortfall in output during the quarter, April-June, this year;

(b) if so, whether the industry would be able to achieve the annual production target for the current year;

(c) the reasons for the shortfall and the remedies to overcome the difficulties;

(d) what are the targets indicated by the Planning Commission for cement production by the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(e) whether there is any adverse effect on its export, if so, what are the figures of last year's export; and

(f) what are the details of the steps being taken to check the adverse effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House, (*see* below).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Planning Commission has indicated a target of production of 76 million tonnes by the terminal year of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) No, Sir. A quantity of 2.85 million tonnes of cement/clinker was exported in 1993-94 against 1.18 million tonnes exported in 1992-93.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement

(a) and (b) Production of cement in April-June, 1994 was 15.35 million tonnes which is more than the production of 14.76 million tonnes during the corresponding period of last year. The industry is capable of achieving the annual production target of 62 million tonnes for the year 1994-95.

SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Sir, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Government of India for having achieved the target in cement production in the country. It is because of the New Economic Policy that is enunciated by the hon. Prime Minister. It is very significant to note that this year, as has been stated in the reply, the production of cement in April-June has gone beyond the estimated production. So, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Government for the New Economic Policy. At the same time, I would like the Minister to clarify whether the figure which is given in the reply, includes production of mini cement plants also or pertains only to major production plants. That is number one. Secondly, with the coming up of the private sector and the multinationals in this field the local mini cement plant producers are to compete with the big giants. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government of India has taken any precaution to protect the smaller producers in the country and if the Government has adopted any policy, the details thereof.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही: सभापति महोदय, जहां तक सीमेंट उद्योग का प्रश्न है, सरकार दोनों मेजर और मिनि, दोनों सीमेंट उद्योगों के ऊपर ध्यान दे रही है। सीमेंट के मामले में जैसा मैंने बताया है कि राष्ट्र बिलकुल सेल्फ सफिशिएंट है। काफी प्लांट लग रहे हैं, प्रोडक्शन काफी हुआ है और कैपेसिटी युटिलाइज़ेशन जो है, वह बहुत संतोषप्रद है और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर भी हम बहुत आगे बढ़ रहे हैं। प्रोडक्शन फिगर्स जो हैं — the production figures of both large and mini-steel plants have been given in my reply also and I can say that production of cement in 1991-1992 जैसा मैंने बताया मिनि प्लांट्स 250 हैं और उसकी क्षमता 5.7 Million tons और लार्ज प्लांट्स हैं 103 जिनकी कैपेसिटी 69 मिलियन टन्स है, इसलिए मिनि प्लांट्स काफी संख्या में हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Profits of Foreign Airlines

*446. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what were the profits generated by